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TRADE OF NATO COUNTRIES WITH
CHINA, 1981-1984^{1/}

Although the trade of NATO countries with China has been small, it continues to grow slowly (except in the cases of US and Canadian exports).

During the 1981-84 period (see Table I), the combined imports of all NATO countries from China, as a percentage of NATO members' total imports, was steady at 0.5 percent for the years 1981-83 and then rose just 0.1 of a percentage point to 0.6 percent in 1984. Exports also were unchanged, at 0.7 percent, for the first three years and rose 0.1 of a percentage point--to 0.8 percent--in 1984.

Imports of European NATO countries remained unchanged at 0.4 percent of total imports for all four years. Their exports to China rose slowly, from 0.3 percent of total exports in 1981 and 1982 to 0.4 percent in 1983 and 0.5 percent in 1984.

Table II shows imports and exports by individual countries. Between 1981 and 1984 only three of the European NATO countries--the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG), Italy, and Denmark--imported from China more than 0.4 percent of their total imports. The FRG in 1981, 1983, and 1984 and Italy in 1982, 1983, and 1984 each imported 0.5 percent of their total imports, while Denmark in 1983 and 1984 imported 0.6 percent. US imports rose from 0.7 percent of total imports in 1981 to 0.9 percent the three following years.

Four of the European NATO countries in one or more of the four years sent more than 0.5 percent

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of their total exports to China. The FRG in 1981, 1983, and 1984 exported 0.6 percent of its total; Spain, 0.6 percent in 1982 and 0.8 percent in 1984; Italy and Turkey each 0.6 percent in 1984; and Denmark, 0.9 percent in 1982.

Canada's exports to China increased from 1.2 percent of its total exports in 1981 to 1.8 percent in 1983 but fell sharply to 1.1 percent in 1984. Wheat and flour made up 56 percent in 1983 and 48 percent in 1984 of these exports.

US trade with China in 1984 amounted to \$3.0 billion in each direction, or 0.9 percent of total US imports and 1.4 percent of total US exports. There has been no change in the US-China import ratio since 1983, but exports increased by 0.3 percentage points. The composition of US exports to China has changed significantly. Agricultural sales dropped from about 50 percent in 1982 to 20 percent in 1984, although wheat remained the largest single US export in 1984, accounting for 20 percent of total US sales. Other major US exports last year included transport equipment, lumber, fertilizer, and plastics. In 1984 the US was China's third largest market, taking 11 percent of China's exports. Clothing and apparel accounted for 30 percent of these exports. Crude oil and gasoline were China's other major exports to the US.

For the period January through August 1985, compared with the same period in 1984, US exports to China, as a percentage of total US exports, rose from 1.2 percent in 1984 to 1.6 percent in 1985, or from \$1.7 billion to nearly \$2.4 billion.

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TABLE I

TRADE OF NATO WITH CHINA, 1981-1984
(in millions of dollars)

Country/Area	1981			1982			1983			1984		
	Total from (or to) entire world	From (or to) China	Trade with China as % of world trade	Total from (or to) entire world	From (or to) China	Trade with China as % of world trade	Total from (or to) entire world	From (or to) China	Trade with China as % of world trade	Total from (or to) entire world	From (or to) China	Trade with China as % of world trade
<u>Imports (c.i.f.)</u>												
European NATO	701,574.0	2,696.1	0.4	671,363.0	2,455.7	0.4	642,055.3	2,506.4	0.4	653,278.6	2,661.0	0.4
Canada (f.o.b.)	66,500.0	185.5	0.3	54,818.6	165.1	0.3	61,332.8	199.4	0.3	74,003.9	257.5	0.3
US (f.o.b.)	260,981.8	1,895.3	0.7	243,951.9	2,283.7	0.9	258,048.0	2,244.0	0.9	325,725.6	3,064.8	0.9
Total NATO	1,029,055.8	4,776.9	0.5	970,133.5	4,904.5	0.5	961,436.1	4,949.8	0.5	10,53008.1	5,983.3	0.6
<u>Exports (f.o.b.)</u>												
European NATO	650,568.7	2,228.6	0.3	628,021.5	2,187.4	0.3	613,851.6	2,618.9	0.4	627,535.4	3,055.4	0.5
Canada	70,566.0	848.9	1.2	68,414.4	1,000.0	1.5	73,810.4	1,305.6	1.8	86,862.4	987.2	1.1
US	233,739.1	3,602.8	1.5	212,274.6	2,912.1	1.4	200,538.0	2,173.2	1.1	217,887.6	3,004.8	1.4
Total NATO	954,873.8	6,680.3	0.7	908,710.5	6,099.5	0.7	888,200.0	6,097.7	0.7	932,285.4	7,047.4	0.8

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TABLE II

TRADE OF NATO COUNTRIES WITH CHINA, 1981-1984
(in millions of dollars, c.i.f.)

Country/Area	Value				Percent of Total			
	1981	1982	1983	1984	1981	1982	1983	1984
A. Imports								
Belgium-Luxembourg	172.6	137.5	112.4	111.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Denmark	63.8	58.6	96.6	102.0	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6
France	506.4	435.6	430.8	438.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
FRG	769.2	702.0	768.0	850.8	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Greece	20.6	20.8	26.8	22.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Iceland	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Italy	399.6	426.0	415.2	434.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Netherlands	245.6	192.1	178.4	167.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Norway	28.6	31.2	28.9	30.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Portugal	10.5	9.7	6.8	8.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain	111.2	99.2	83.9	114.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Turkey	1.3	2.9	5.1	8.3	insig	insig	0.1	0.1
UK	364.8	338.4	351.6	372.0	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Total European NATO	2,696.1	2,455.7	2,506.4	2,661.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Canada (f.o.b.)	185.3	165.1	199.4	257.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
US (f.o.b.)	1,895.3	2,283.7	2,244.0	3,064.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9
Total NATO	4,776.9	4,904.5	4,949.8	5,983.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6

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TABLE II (cont'd)

TRADE OF NATO COUNTRIES WITH CHINA, 1981-1984
(in millions of dollars, f.o.b.)

Country/Area	Value				Percent of Total			
	1981	1982	1983	1984	1981	1982	1983	1984
B. Exports								
Belgium-Luxembourg	115.7	208.4	213.5	242.9	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5
Denmark	35.0	134.8	59.2	73.0	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.5
France	273.6	344.4	441.6	312.0	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3
FRG	1,016.4	852.0	1,075.2	1,038.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
Greece	10.0	2.4	4.7	26.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5
Iceland	-	0.7	-	-	-	0.1	-	-
Italy	322.8	210.0	265.2	450.0	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6
Netherlands	95.8	66.5	132.4	168.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
Norway	18.6	50.9	42.0	78.8	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4
Portugal	6.8	6.6	16.7	14.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3
Spain	74.6	113.6	108.2	187.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.8
Turkey	15.7	17.1	17.8	40.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6
UK	243.6	180.0	242.4	423.6	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4
Total European NATO	2,228.6	2,187.4	2,618.9	3,055.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
Canada	848.9	1,000.0	1,305.6	987.2	1.2	1.5	1.8	1.1
US	3,602.8	2,912.1	2,173.2	3,004.8	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.4
Total NATO	6,680.3	6,099.5	6,097.7	7,047.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8